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Re: *Generic Docket to Establish UNE Prices for Line Sharing per FCC 99-355 and Riser Cable and Terminating Wire as Ordered in TRA Docket No. 98-00123*  
Docket No. 00-00544

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On April 30, 2002, the Authority granted the parties' motions for reconsideration and determined that hearings would be convened to resolve the issues that are the subject of those motions. Among the motions for reconsideration were the requests by BellSouth and Sprint-United that the Authority reconsider its ruling requiring the installation of dual-purpose line cards for the CLECs' use in Next Generation Digital Loop Carrier systems.

On May 2, after the Authority's rulings granting the motions for reconsideration, Covad submitted another pleading regarding this very issue. That pleading is characterized as Covad's Opposition to BellSouth's Motion to Strike. Covad's pleading was unsolicited. Indeed, a procedural schedule for the reconsideration proceedings has not been established. Covad's May 2 pleading appears to ignore the fact that reconsideration was granted and that further proceedings are contemplated.

BellSouth would like the opportunity to respond to Covad's May 2 filing and assumes it will be given the opportunity to do so in the context of the

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reconsideration proceeding. If the Authority would prefer that BellSouth respond sooner, please let me know, and BellSouth will do so.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Copies of this letter are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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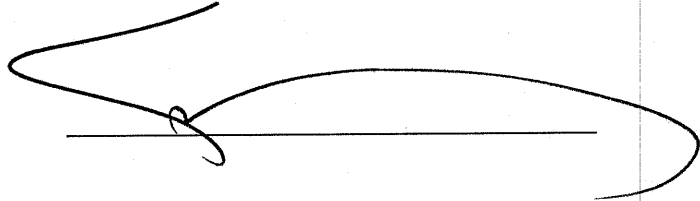
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